



4

Co-op Programs



Co-operative Education Programs Work/Study Abroad

(Sponsored by Canadian colleges and universities)

WHAT IS IT?

To promote international relations and intensify co-operation in education and research, Canadian colleges and universities enter into agreements with foreign educational institutions that have similar objectives.

Below is a list of Canadian colleges and universities that are matched with institutions in other countries.

1. Australia
2. Czech Republic
3. Finland
4. France
5. Germany
6. Ireland
7. Italy
8. Japan
9. Netherlands
10. New Zealand
11. Russia
12. Sweden
13. United Kingdom
14. United States

Colleges	Countries involved
Camosun (B.C.)	2
Fanshawe (Ont.)	13, 14
Georgian (Ont.)	7, 13
Sir Sandford Fleming (Ont.)	5, 8
Sheridan (Ont.)	5

Universities	Countries involved
Alberta	3, 12
McMaster (Ont.)	4
New Brunswick	13
Ottawa (Ont.)	4
Queens (Ont.)	5
Ryerson Polytechnic (Ont.)	13
Victoria (B.C.)	1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14
Waterloo (Ont.)	1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14

HOW LONG IS IT?

Exchange co-op students may study and work abroad for up to one year depending on the agreement with the host institution.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled in a co-op program at their college or university may apply.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Students wishing to work or study abroad should contact their own college or university for details on the various programs and eligibility requirements.

Note that the list of programs is amended periodically. Visit our Web site at <www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca> for an updated list.



5

*Other International
Opportunities*

AFS Interculture Canada

WHAT IS IT?

AFS Interculture Canada is an educational movement that promotes intercultural learning and international development through international exchange programs for both young people and adults. Founded in 1947, the AFS network currently includes more than 50 member countries. AFS Interculture Canada has no political or religious affiliation.

CORE PROGRAMS: These programs provide Canadian students from 15 to 18 years of age with complete cultural immersion in another country or province. Participants live with carefully chosen host families and share their everyday life while continuing their high school studies in the language of the host country. This experience helps them broaden their horizons, learn a new language and gain more experience of life.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Open to young people over the age of 15 and to adults, these programs include teacher exchanges, short language training programs, and advancement programs with a focus on the environment and women in development.

HOSTING PROGRAMS: These programs give families from across Canada the opportunity to host a foreign student. The participants, 15 to 18 years of age, attend the local high school during their stay. Helpful orientation camps are organized for both families and students.

In all programs, students can count on the assistance of an AFS volunteer counsellor. Students can choose a year, semester or summer program in one of

more than 30 destinations. Departures are in the summer for all European countries, some Latin American countries, the United States and Québec, and in winter for Australia, Japan, Argentina and other Latin American destinations. A few destinations offer both a winter and a summer departure: New Zealand, Brazil, Thailand and Ecuador.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Depending on the program you choose, you can stay a year, a semester or a summer in the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- In all programs students must be mature enough to face challenges, capable of adjusting to a different way of life, and in good health.
- The cost of participating in the program varies from one country to another. (Partial financial help, in the form of a loan and/or fee refund, is given by AFS Interculture to students from low-income families.)

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Applications for any of the programs are accepted year-round but students should apply at least six months in advance of their planned departure date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: AFS Interculture Canada

1231 St. Catherine Street West,
Suite 505
Montréal, Québec
H3G 1P5
Tel. (514) 288-3282 or (toll-free)
1-800-361-7248
Fax (514) 843-9119
Web site <www.afscanada.org>

International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce (AIESEC)

WHAT IS IT?

AIESEC is an independent, non-political, student-run, non-profit organization of business, economics and computer science students. Every year it organizes an international exchange program in which more than 8 000 students participate to expand their work experience via internships in some 87 countries.

The program attempts to bridge the gap between theoretical university education and the business world. It also helps to develop internationally educated managers who can be effective in many economic sectors in Canada and abroad.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants can stay eight weeks to 18 months.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must be:

- 18 to 29 years of age;
- specializing in a field of study related to economics, accounting, marketing, finance, business administration or computer science; and
- an active member of AIESEC at any time during studies or up to one year after graduation.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants must cover their travel, insurance and accommodation expenses. They are paid on the same basis as permanent employees. There is an administration fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce (AIESEC)

8 King Street East, Suite 208

Toronto, Ontario

M5C 1B6

Tel. (416) 368-1001

Fax (416) 368-4490

Web site <www.ca.aiesec.org>

or any of the Association's campus offices in Canada.

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE)

WHAT IS IT?

IAESTE is an independent non-governmental agency that has consultative relationships with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other bodies.

It offers students on-the-job experience in engineering, science and technology. The Association has 65 member countries on five continents. Canada places approximately 200 students annually in positions related to their field of study.

IAESTE was founded in 1948 in Europe. Since then, more than 270 000 students have participated in exchanges. Canada joined in 1953 and has placed approximately 5 000 students.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Internships of 8 to 12 weeks are offered during the summer. A few placements each year are for a 12-month period.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age; and
- in full-time post-secondary studies in engineering, science or a related technical field.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants must cover all travel expenses in Canada and abroad. Each applicant must also pay a registration fee, a portion of which is refunded if no suitable matching job is found.

The application deadline is December 1 of each year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: IAESTE

P.O. Box 1473
Kingston, Ontario
K7L 5C7
Tel. (613) 549-2243
Fax (613) 545-6869
Web site <www.queensu.ca/iaeste>

International Agricultural Exchange Association (IAEA)

WHAT IS IT?

Since 1963, IAEA has been running exchange programs in agriculture for young men and women from 18 different countries, in co-operation with the Canadian Host Family Association. It is a non-profit organization open to people from rural communities.

The main objectives of IAEA are as follows:

- to give future farmers an opportunity to learn about agricultural methods in other parts of the world;
- to enable participants to gain an understanding of the culture of other countries; and
- to help foster and strengthen ties between countries through personal contacts between the participants and host families.

IAEA arranges programs in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the United Kingdom and other European countries.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Programs vary from 4 to 13 months, depending on the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have at least two years' experience in agriculture.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Each participant has to pay airfare and an IAEA administration fee. This fee covers the costs of obtaining a work permit, selecting a host family, orientation seminars and supervision.

Application should be made at least six months before the departure date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: International Agricultural Exchange Association

150 7710 5th Street SE

Calgary, Alberta

T2H 2L9

Tel. (403) 255-7799

Fax (403) 255-6024

Web site <www.ozemail.com.au/~iaea/iaea.site.htm>

Canadian Crossroads International (CCI)

WHAT IS IT?

CCI is a non-profit educational organization that gives Canadians the opportunity to live and work within a local family or community in a developing country, and to assist in setting up self-help development projects. Canada has participated since 1958.

The CCI's objectives are as follows:

- to promote sustainable development and cross-cultural understanding;
- to educate Canadian volunteers by providing opportunities to live and work in a developing country, and to educate volunteers from developing countries by providing opportunities to live and work in Canada;
- to develop leadership skills in program participants and volunteer leaders in Canada and the developing world; and
- to promote understanding of the root causes of inequitable development, and to encourage personal involvement in the issues.

CANADIAN CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL OFFERS TWO MAIN OVERSEAS PROGRAMS:

Overseas Group Program: Canadian volunteers live and work with local families and groups on self-help development projects in a number of Francophone countries including Mali, Togo, Cameroon, Burkina Faso and Senegal. Volunteers, in teams of five or

six, work for two months on different projects such as construction of clinics, tree planting and farm labour.

Overseas Individual Program: Volunteers participate in short-term programs in about 20 developing countries in Asia, Africa, Central and South America, the South Pacific, and the Caribbean.

CCI programs are administered almost entirely by volunteers. Throughout Canada there are 70 local volunteer committees that actively recruit and select candidates for overseas placement.

CCI includes a Francophone group, based in Montréal, which sets up exchanges between Québec and West Africa.

The national office in Toronto has a small professional staff that co-ordinates communications and provides support services to the various committees.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Volunteers usually spend four to six months in the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be at least 19 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant; and
- be able to adjust to a different environment, and to live and work as part of a group (for the group program) or independently (for the individual program).

YOU MUST NOT:

- have worked overseas for a development organization for more than 4 weeks;
- have lived in a developing country for more than 8 weeks after the age of 14; or
- have spent 13 or more consecutive weeks working in one of the developing countries specified by CCI after the age of 14.

Volunteers are chosen on the basis of their cultural sensitivity, adaptability and commitment to promoting international awareness. Basic knowledge, special skills or a trade are useful. (Applicants who have special skills are easier to place but non-skilled people are selected as well.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

National Office

Canadian Crossroads International

31 Madison Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5R 2S2
Tel. (416) 967-1611
Fax (416) 967-9078
Web site <[www.energ.polimi.it/
development/org/di145.htm](http://www.energ.polimi.it/development/org/di145.htm)>

Québec Region

Canadian Crossroads International

912 Sherbrooke Street East
Montréal, Québec
H2L 1L2
Tel. (514) 528-5363
Fax (514) 528-5367

Atlantic Region

Canadian Crossroads International

1657 Barrington Street, Suite 330
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2A1
Tel. (902) 422-2933
Fax (902) 423-0579

Western Region

Canadian Crossroads International

1037 West Broadway, Suite 302
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6H 1E3
Tel. (604) 734-4677
Fax (604) 734-4675

Chantiers Jeunesse

WHAT IS IT?

The main objective of Chantiers Jeunesse [Québec youth at work] is to help build a sense of self-dependence among young adults, mainly through outdoor projects requiring community involvement.

International exchange programs

On a work program abroad, volunteers undertake to carry out a project of value to the host community and requiring at least 30 hours per week of practical work. This may consist of renovation, construction, environmental protection, landscaping, heritage projects, etc. Each project lasts about three weeks.

Programs provide an intensive group experience involving young people of various nationalities. They are given an opportunity to assume responsibilities, learn new personal, technical and career skills, and discover a country by gaining an appreciation of its society, culture and economic conditions.

Participating countries include France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Czech Republic, Belarus, Russia, the Netherlands and the United States.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Projects vary from three to four weeks, depending on the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- live or have your permanent residence in Québec; and
- be 16 to 25 years of age.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Costs vary according to the country and transportation costs. They include:

- return transportation between Montréal and the capital of the exchange country;
- accommodation and food for the entire period of the project;
- medical and hospital insurance for the entire period; and
- Chantiers Jeunesse membership and participation fees.

Except where otherwise indicated, the cost of transportation between the host-country capital and the project site is paid by the participant, as are accommodation and food costs before and after the project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Chantiers Jeunesse

4545 Pierre-de-Coubertin Avenue
P.O. Box 1000, Station "M"

Montréal, Québec

H1V 3R2

Tel. (514) 252-3015 or (toll-free)

1-800-361-2055

Fax (514) 251-8719

Web site <www.vermontel.com/~vfp/canada.htm>

Échanges "GO" Échanges

WHAT IS IT?

GO offers young people an opportunity to participate in a cultural experience and acquire new skills to round out their education and work experience.

Exchanges are arranged in all sectors, including agricultural production, agronomy, agri-food products and horticulture.

Participating countries include France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Australia. Remuneration will vary with the legislative provisions of each country.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Exchange participants can stay for any period from 1 to 12 months.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have an adequate knowledge of, and working experience in, the requested project area.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

The program operates year-round according to availability of exchange opportunities in the host countries.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Échanges "Go" Échanges

3140 Boisclair Street

Brossard, Québec

J4Z 2C2

Tel. (450) 462-0547

Fax (450) 462-4679

Email. exchange.go@sympatico.ca

InterÉchanges RD

WHAT IS IT?

InterÉchanges provides an opportunity for young adults from the province of Québec who are already working in agriculture to learn about agricultural methods used in France, while working and living with host families.

The training covers farm production and the management and operation of an agricultural business (dairy production, grains, beef and swine, field crops, poultry farming). Accommodation and meals are provided by the employer.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants may stay from three to six months in the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a resident of Québec;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have at least six months of relevant farm experience, preferably in the area of training requested.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Applications are accepted from December each year.

Trainees are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

InterÉchanges RD

3150, Boisclair Street
Brossard, Québec
J4Z 2C2
Tel. (450) 445-4907
Fax (450) 656-8815

Canada World Youth (CWY)

WHAT IS IT?

Canada World Youth is a Canadian organization dedicated to international development for the benefit of young people from Canada and abroad. Since 1971, some 55 countries have participated with CWY in international exchanges.

The programs offered by CWY foster the advancement of young people from participating countries through the pursuit of five objectives:

- to stimulate greater interest in, and understanding of, their own countries among young people in Canada and abroad;
- to foster greater awareness and understanding of people and cultures with values different from their own;
- to enable young people to observe and experience the realities of development in Canada and abroad;

- to encourage and strengthen the desire of young people to solve development problems in their own countries through the use of their own resources and traditions; and
- to lead young people to understand and accept the interdependence of peoples and nations.

Each Canadian volunteer is paired with a volunteer from another country for a six- to eight-month period.

In addition to the exchanges described, Canada World Youth organizes specialized programs, including:

- a work partner program to give young people from 21 to 29 years of age practical work experience in international co-operation;
- programs combining non-formal studies with technical training in educational institutions;
- customized exchanges designed to meet the needs of a specific clientele; and
- exchanges for schools or other organizations.

HOW LONG IS IT?

The program is six to eight months long: three to four months in Canada, and three to four months in developing countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This program is for Canadian volunteers 17 to 21 years of age. To be eligible, you must:

- be in good health;
- be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant; and
- have previous experience in community work and a willingness to learn another language.

Travel and living expenses are covered by CWY. There is an application deadline each year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Canada World Youth (Head Office)

2330 Notre-Dame Street West, 3rd floor
Montréal, Québec
H3J 1N4
Tel. (514) 931-3526
Fax (514) 939-2621

Canada World Youth

British Columbia Regional Office
201-1894 West Broadway
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6J 1Y9
Tel. (604) 732-5113
Fax (604) 732-9141

Canada World Youth

Atlantic Regional Office
1657 Barrington Street, Suite 125
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2A1
Tel. (902) 422-1782
Fax (902) 429-1274

Canada World Youth

Ontario Regional Office
317 Adelaide Street West, Suite 404
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1P9
Tel. (416) 596-9702
Fax (416) 596-9642

Canada World Youth

Prairies Regional Office
10816 82nd Street, Suite 205
Edmonton, Alberta
T6E 2B3
Tel. (403) 432-1877
Fax (403) 433-4489

International Rural Exchange (IRE)

IRE provides a combination of work and study exchange programs for young people in Canada, Scandinavia, Western Europe, Australia and the United States.

Programs are designed to give young adults the opportunity to learn about the culture of another country and the methods applied there in agriculture and horticulture, while working and living with a host family.

FOUR TYPES OF EXCHANGES ARE OFFERED:

AGRICULTURAL TRAINEE: Applicants should have general knowledge of and practical experience in agriculture and be prepared to participate in all the usual farm operations.

HOME MANAGEMENT TRAINEE: Applicants should have a good general knowledge of household tasks, and be interested in child care and gardening.

AGRI-MIX TRAINEE: This type of exchange is designed for applicants who have limited knowledge of, or practical experience in, agriculture but have a good overall knowledge of household management. Time is evenly divided between the two areas.

HORTICULTURE TRAINEE: Applicants should have good general knowledge of, and practical experience in, horticulture and be prepared to participate in all the usual horticultural operations.

IRE matches qualifications and interests with a suitable farm or horticulture operation, and offers participants an orientation seminar on arrival in the host country. IRE also provides supervision at the training facility. Trainees

receive a monthly allowance as well as room and board.

IRE is a non-profit organization based on volunteer work, operating around the world. Because travel arrangements are made on a group basis, participant costs are kept to a minimum.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants may stay up to seven months in the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To participate, you must:

- be 19 to 28 years of age;
- be in good health;
- have a valid driver's licence;
- have a real desire to live and work abroad;
- complete a trainee application; and
- undergo a personal interview.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Valerie Tufts

Box 111

Elgin, Manitoba

Tel. (204) 769-2448

Fax (204) 769-2177

Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec (UPA)

WHAT IS IT?

UPA provides an opportunity for young adults from the province of Québec who are already working in agriculture to learn about agricultural methods used in France and Belgium, while working and living with host families in those countries.

The training covers farm production and the management and operation of an agricultural business (dairy production, grains, beef and swine, field crops, poultry farming). Accommodation and meals are provided by the employer.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants may stay from three to six months in the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a resident of Québec;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have at least six months of relevant farm experience, preferably in the area of training requested.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Applications are accepted from December each year.

Trainees are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec

555 Roland-Therrien Boulevard

Longueuil, Québec

J4H 3Y9

Tel. (514) 679-0530

Fax (514) 679-2375

Youth International Internship Program (YIIP)

WHAT IS IT?

The Youth International Internship Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) offers young people an opportunity for their first paid career-related, international work experience. The Program furthers the objectives of Canada's foreign policy, specifically the promotion of prosperity and employment, the promotion of peace and global security, and the projection of Canadian values and culture abroad.

WHO CAN APPLY

- Young Canadians from across the country and young people legally permitted to work in Canada for whom this would be their first paid international work experience.
- Out-of-school unemployed or under-employed young people from 18 to 29 years of age.
- Young people who seek to bridge the gap between schooling and full-time employment.
- Young people with an interest in travel and international relations.
- Young people who need international experience to pursue their careers.
- Young people who are available for six to eight months.

WHO CANNOT APPLY

- If you have already participated in any of the programs of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy, you are not eligible for this program.
- Foreign students, even if they hold valid work permits, are not eligible.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

If you are eligible for YIIP, apply directly to the implementing organizations. To obtain a list of participating organizations with projects under way, refer to the project information on the Department's YIIP Web site at:

<www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/english/culture/youth/intern/agp0621e.htm>

You can also obtain information on projects by calling DFAIT at (613) 944-2415 in the National Capital Region, or 1-800-559-2888 elsewhere in Canada.